

# MANAKIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday Of Advent

December 21, 2025

10 AM - Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist

*Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833)*

*During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.*

Prelude: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Gordon Young

Processional Hymn #436 – Lift Up Your Heads

Truro

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; be hold the  
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 \*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - doned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

## The Word Of God

Celebrant      Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
 People      *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant says to the people*

People      The Lord be with you.  
 Celebrant      *And also with you.*  
 Celebrant      Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

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Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Christmas Pageant

## Hymn #56 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 1

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el, and ran - som

1 cap - tive Is - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile  
 2 all things might - - i - ly; to us the path of know - - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

### The Annunciation and Arrival to Bethlehem

#### Hymn #81 – Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming vs. 1 & 2

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
 \* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,  
 Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright,  
To show God's love a - right,  
true man, yet ve - ry God,  
a - mid the  
she bore to  
from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Hymn # 79 - O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1, 2, 3

St. Louis

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath-ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won-drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless-ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch-ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Hymn #101 – Away In A Manger vs. 1, 2 & 3

Cradle Song

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 \*3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

### The Angels and The Shepherds

#### Hymn #96 - Angels We Have Heard On High vs. 1, 2 & 3

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo -

Hymn #111 – Silent Night

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je sus, Lord, at thy birth.

### The Magi

We Three Kings

Three Kings of Orient

Rita Gulliksen, *organ*

## Hymn #100 – Joy To The World

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*all standing*

**Prayers of the People – Form II**  
*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Susan Haynes; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially ].  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: John, Mike, Walter, Sally, Bo, Stephany & Bill and Kathy & Bob, whom we remember today].

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Stephany and Bill Breed in memory of loves ones, in honor of their family and in thanksgiving for the human spirit and God's continued grace.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People And also with you.*

## Announcements

**The Offertory Anthem:** Alma Redemptor

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*After the communion, the Celebrant says*

**The Doxology – Hymn #380 verse 3**

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him, above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

**Our Fathers' God, To Thee – Hymn #717, vs. 4**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.  
*People And also with you.*  
Lift up your hearts.  
*People We lift them to the Lord.*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus, S129

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

**The Amen**

Danish

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

### Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover, S154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may be added*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Communion Hymn #325 – Let Us Break Bread Together

### Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, \_\_\_\_\_  
O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymn #304 – I Come With Joy

Land of Rest

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to -  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Let us pray.

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*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Blessing**

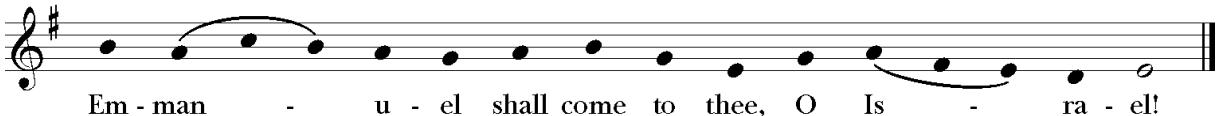
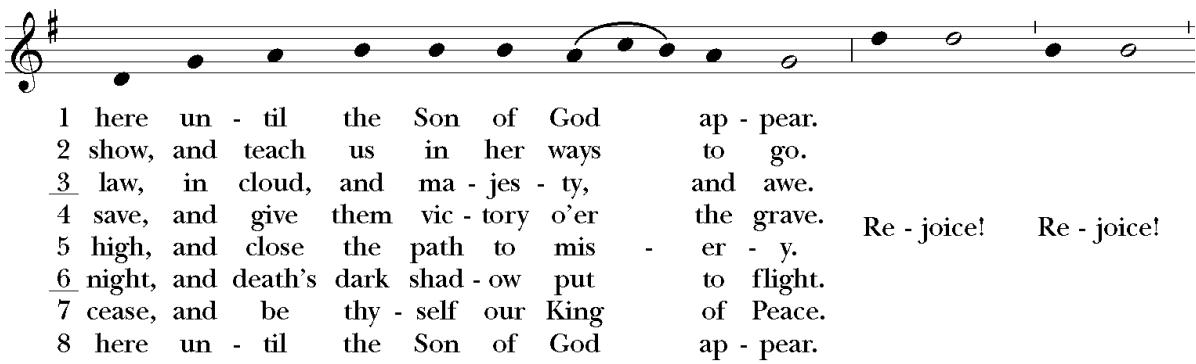
*Celebrant:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn #56 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 1, 2, 6**

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

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### Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
 People *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude:** The Fifers

Anonymous

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### Play Participants

<b>Baby Jesus</b>	Joshua Gates
<b>Narrator 1</b>	Cameron Goodwyn
<b>Narrator 2</b>	Libby Hott
<b>Mary</b>	Kate Hott
<b>Joseph</b>	Liam Harris
<b>Gabriel</b>	Grace Allen
<b>Angel of the Lord</b>	Virginia Gates
<b>Herod</b>	Cameron Goodwyn
<b>Star</b>	Emma Bayarski
<b>Wise Ones</b>	Bennett Goodwyn Wilder Horgan Barrett Ruby
<b>Shepherds</b>	David Gates, Jacob Fiteni, Charles Fiteni, Harrison Ruby, Mark Sykes
<b>Angels</b>	Noelle Allen, Jacquelyn Bayarski, Johanna Gates, Page Horgan, Rory Horgan, Charlotte Anne Howell
<b>Animals</b>	Lillie DiStanislao, Winnie DiStanislao, Jack Gates, Annie Byrd Moore, Tripp Moore

*Thank you to Marion Sykes, Susie Stone and all the participants and their parents for their help with the pageant today.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Stephany and Bill Breed in memory of loves ones, in honor of their family and in thanksgiving for the human spirit and God's continued grace.*

*We welcome all family and friends and invite you to join us in Denny Hall after the service for a time of fellowship.*

**OFFICIANT** – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao

**LAY READER** – Betsy Moore

**ACOLYTE** – Libby Hott

**ALTAR GUILD** – Sue Daniels, Liz Lee, Judy Martin, Sewell McLeod, Valerie Riviere

**MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** – Rita Busse Gulliksen

**COFFEE HOUR** – Linda Harris & Lauren Ruby

**GREETER** – Tricia Kohlbeck

**NURSERY** – Jenny Karluk

**TELLER** – John Kochensparger

**USHER** – Scott Eckmann

**VIDEO STREAMING TEAM** – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Brent Deekens

**When you pray, please remember the following church members:**

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy & Connie Aasen, Kathleen Willey, Angela Park, John Mills, Lou Suthard, Ronnie Rice, Janet Darby, Pat & Rhett DuPont, Trey Harrington and Tom Connor.

**When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:**

Graham Lighthiser, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Connie Rosenbaum, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Wyatt Nickle, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Glenn Webster, Martey Longmire, Caren Fields, Bob McCall, Bill Jines, Joelle Cosby, Paul Bubenshik, Sandra Barkey, Melissa Esmee Fields, Thomas Murrell, Dennis & Blair Nickle, Penny & Jeff Strack, Suzanne Silek, Robert Keep, RJ Redstrom, Ron Hodges, Elaine Jones, Jim Dawson, Terry Royal, Phillip, Dale Custer, Becky Sido, Jan Sierk, Kjerstin Johnson and Bobby Perkins.

**Happy Birthday to the following:**

John Moore	12/21	Sally Winslow	12/25
Mike Vandeweghe	12/22	Bo Campbell	12/27
Walter Smith	12/24		

**Happy Anniversary to the following:**

Stephany & Bill Breed	12/23	Kathy & Bob Phillipson	12/23
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**Wednesday, December 24, at  
3 PM & 5 PM**

### Announcements

- ❖ **No Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM.**
- ❖ **The church office will be closed from December 24 until January 5.** If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Gini+. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- ❖ **Shelter Feeding:** We have our last shelter feeding of the year for 170 lunches on **Saturday, December 27, at 9 AM.** It only takes about an hour to make lunches and we need many hands. We would also love for someone to volunteer to deliver, too. With this many lunches, we will most likely need two cars and split it up. Please sign up in Denny Hall and let me know if you are also able to be a driver to deliver. Help spread a little more Christmas Cheer to those in need!
- ❖ The Burial Service for Bob Pinkham will be held on **Monday, December 29, at 11 AM.** Reception following in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Sit & Stitch: Monday, January 5, at 5 PM.** Bring any type of needlework, drawing, beading or handcraft to enjoy while socializing. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share but it is not essential. We welcome visitors too. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.
- ❖ **Zoom Bible Study: Will resume on January 6**
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study: Will resume on January 7.**

- ❖ **Men of the Church:** **Saturday, January 10, at 8 AM.** The speaker will be Mr. Bryan Truzzie, Historic Sites Supervisor of the Chesterfield Parks & Recreation. Mr. Truzzie will present "Chesterfield: A Historical Perspective," which will focus on the history of Chesterfield, its community events and programming opportunities for older adults. Please bring a friend and come out for the fellowship, the presentation, and of course the great breakfast!
- ❖ **EFM:** **Monday, January 12, at 7 PM.**
- ❖ **Manakin Book Club:** We will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 13, at 7 PM** to discuss Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller. The book is described as "a wildly entertaining satire about a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books, and a little lending library that changes everything." Please be sure to have the Zoom application downloaded onto the electronic device of your choice if you'd like to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Hood at 804-418-9372 or via email at [thhood@hotmail.com](mailto:thhood@hotmail.com).
- ❖ **Nursery Help Needed:** We're looking for volunteers to help in the church nursery! We need people to assist our full-time nursery provider. If you enjoy spending time with little ones and want to support the families in our congregation, this is a great opportunity to serve. Please reach out to Marion about being added to the nursery rotation.
- ❖ **Food Donations:** We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are at the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items. **Current needs are: canned lima and butter beans, instant grits, beef and chicken broth and Vienna Sausages.** If anyone has paper bags from grocery shopping, please add them to the bin. We would also appreciate drivers to deliver the food in the right bin to The Pantry on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays between 9-12 AM. Please send Mary Kay an email at [marykatherindegates@gmail.com](mailto:marykatherindegates@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you for all your help.
- ❖ **Powhatan Animal Shelter** gladly accepts donations of dog food (wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult "Kongs"), treats, medium collars, harnesses, leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note "Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund" to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!

### Plastic Bag Recycle Program

Once again Manakin will join The Salisbury Garden Club to collect plastic bags now through November 2026 or until our goal is met. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic! This is easy to do, and we can reach our goal if you all help us!

**What can be recycled?** Grocery bags, shipping envelopes, bread bags, Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags, bubble wrap, cereal bags, dry cleaning bags, case overwrap (such as paper towels and toilet paper), newspaper sleeves, produce bags, ice bags. **No plastic bottles please.**



Once you have collected a good amount, simply take a picture of it, weigh it on your scales and take it to your local grocery store that is participating such as Kroger or Publix and place it in the recycle bin. Send your pictures and weight amount to Jean Hillsman at [jmhillsman56@gmail.com](mailto:jmhillsman56@gmail.com) and she will keep a record for us. Or, if you prefer, please bring your plastic donations to the church and place them in **the bin in room number 5 in Denny Hall**. Thank you for your help in reducing trash and protecting our environment while we gain another beautiful new bench.